

Revised: July 15, 2005

TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
WELFARE REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

July 18 & 19, 2005
Conference Center, Hawthorne Suites
Ruidoso, NM

Monday, July 18

10:00 a.m. **Call to Order**

10:05 a.m. **Welcome to the Village of Ruidoso**
—Leon Eggleston, Village Mayor

10:15 a.m. **Panel on Poverty — The Human Face of Poverty in New Mexico**
—Ruth Hoffman, Executive Director, Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministries
—Scott Cameron, Homeless Advocacy Coalition
—Sarah Singleton, J.D., New Mexico Commission on Access to Justice
—Michelle Brown-Yazzie, Deputy Secretary, Indian Affairs Department

12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:15 p.m. **Regional Visit — Tour of Ruidoso's "One-Stop Shop", 707 Mechem***
—John Hemphill, Director, Ruidoso "One-Stop Shop" and Member of the Eastern
Workforce Development Board

2:15 p.m. **Report from the Eastern Workforce Development Board, Conference Center**
—John Hemphill

3:00 p.m. **Poverty Statistics — Who Are New Mexico's Poor People? What the
Numbers Tell Us**
—Dr. Dely Alcantra, Senior Demographer, Institute for Applied Research
Services, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, UNM
—Bill Jordan, Deputy Director for Policy, NM Voices for Children

4:30 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, July 19

9:00 a.m. **Legislative Oversight of Poverty Programs**
—Jack Tweedie, National Conference of State Legislatures
Ensuring successful oversight of transitions to work:
i Establishing what information is required from the executive in order
to evaluate the overall success of welfare reform initiatives

- i Establishing a framework for reporting information on administrative reorganization of the statewide workforce development offices

12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:30 p.m. **Comparative Statistics**

—Katie Falls, Director, Income Support Division, Human Services Department
Information on the number of successful transitions to work since July 1996, 60-month limits

2:30 p.m. **Barriers to Employment**

—Katie Falls, Director, Income Support Division, HSD

- i What are the "barriers" to employment?
- i How does HSD identify barriers to employment?
- i Once a barrier is identified, what does HSD do to address it?
- i What is the status of funding for overcoming various barriers? (were transportation and child care programs cut?)
- i What is the HSD plan for addressing long-term barriers such as literacy, language and learning disabilities?
- i National substance abuse money (is it all going to DWI). How many referrals were made for substance abuse last year?
- i Does every New Mexico city have subsidized child care available?

3:15 p.m. **Transportation Funding**

—Jack L. Valencia, Jr., New Mexico Passenger Transportation Association
—Joseph E. Hardin, Program Manager, Zia Transportation Services, Alamogordo

3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

NEXT MEETING: August 30-31, 2005 State Capitol

*707 Mechem is toward downtown Ruidoso from the Convention Center and on the opposite side of the street. The One-Stop Shop is in the southern half of the State National Bank. Committee members can rendezvous in the parking lot at 1:15 p.m.